Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 through 14 were previously cancelled.

15.   (previously amended) A method of processing text data comprising the steps of:

inputting word candidates for search words;

determining a first text database occurrence value of the word candidates in a first text database;

determining a second text database occurrence value of the word candidates in a second text database, the first text database containing certain vocabulary and sentences written in a certain style that are substantially different from those in the second text database;

determining a database occurrence value based upon the first text database occurrence value and the second text database occurrence value in a predetermined manner so that the word candidates substantially more occurring in one of the first text database and the second text database but substantially less occurring in the other one of the first text database and the second text database are avoided in the search words;

selecting the search words from the word candidates based upon in part the database occurrence value; and

extracting sentences from the other one of the first text database and the second text database based upon the selected search words.

16.   (original) The method of processing text data according to claim 15 wherein the database occurrence value is determined by a following equation:

the database occurrence value =

(the second text database occurrence value /

a total number of sentences in the second text database) –

(the first text database occurrence value /

a total number of sentences in the first text database).

17.   (original) The method of processing text data according to claim 15 wherein the database occurrence value is determined by a following equation:

the database occurrence value =

(the second text database occurrence value /

a total number of sentences in the second text database) /

(the first text database occurrence value /

a total number of sentences in the first text database).

18.   (previously amended) The method of processing text data according to claim 15 further comprising an additional step of determining a search word significance value based upon a following equation:

the search word significance value =

a corresponding predetermined word weight X

the database occurrence value,

wherein the corresponding predetermined word weight is log (a total number of sentences/ a number of occurrences of the word candidate in an entire portion of a predetermined text database).

Claims 19 through 36 were previously cancelled.

37. (previously amended) A storage medium containing a computer program for processing text data performing the tasks of:

inputting word candidates for search words;

determining a first text database occurrence value of the word candidates in a first text database;

determining a second text database occurrence value of the word candidates in a second text database, the first text database containing certain vocabulary and sentences written in a certain style that are substantially different from those in the second text database;

determining a database occurrence value based upon the first text database occurrence value and the second text database occurrence value in a predetermined manner so that the word candidates substantially more occurring in one of the first text database and the second text database but substantially less occurring in the other one of the first text database and the second text database are avoided in the search words;

selecting the search words from the word candidates based upon in part the database occurrence value; and

extracting sentences from the other of the first text database and the second text database based upon the selected search words.

38. (previously presented) The storage medium containing a computer program for processing text data according to claim 37 wherein the database occurrence value is determined by a following equation:

the database occurrence value =

(the second text database occurrence value / a total number of sentences in the second text database) –

(the first text database occurrence value / a total number of sentences in the first text database).

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39. (previously presented) The storage medium containing a computer program for processing text data according to claim 37 wherein the database occurrence value is determined by a following equation:

the database occurrence value =

         (the second text database occurrence value /

         a total number of sentences in the second text database) /

         (the first text database occurrence value /

         a total number of sentences in the first text database).

40. (previously amended) The storage medium containing a computer program for processing text data according to claim 37 further performing an additional task of determining a search word significance value based upon a following equation:

the search word significance value =

         a corresponding predetermined word weight X

         the database occurrence value,

wherein the corresponding predetermined word weight is log (a total number of sentences/ a number of occurrences of the word candidate in an entire portion of a predetermined text database).

Claims 41 through 58 were previously cancelled.

59. (previously presented) An apparatus for processing text data comprising:

         an input unit for inputting word candidates for search words;

         a database occurrence determination unit connected to said input unit for determining a first text database occurrence value of the word candidates in a first text database and a second text database occurrence value of the word candidates in a second text database, the first text database containing certain vocabulary and sentences written

in a certain style that are substantially different from those in the second text database, said database occurrence determination unit further determining a database occurrence value based upon the first text database occurrence value and the second text database occurrence value in a predetermined manner so that the word candidates substantially more occurring in one of the first text database and the second text database but substantially less occurring in the other one of the first text database and the second text database are avoided in the search words;

a search word selection unit connected to said database occurrence determination unit for selecting the search words from the word candidates based upon in part the database occurrence value; and

a text selection unit connected to said search word selection unit for extracting sentences from the other one of the first text database and the second text database based upon the selected search words.

60.   (original) The apparatus for processing text data according to claim 59 wherein said database occurrence determination unit determines the database occurrence value based upon a following equation:

the database occurrence value =

> (the second text database occurrence value /
>
> a total number of sentences in the second text database) –
>
> (the first text database occurrence value /
>
> a total number of sentences in the first text database).

61.   (original) The apparatus for processing text data according to claim 59 wherein said database occurrence determination unit determines the database occurrence value based upon a following equation:

the database occurrence value =

(the second text database occurrence value /

a total number of sentences in the second text database) /

(the first text database occurrence value /

a total number of sentences in the first text database).

62.   (previously amended) The apparatus for processing text data according to claim 59 wherein said search word selection unit further determines a search word significance value based upon a following equation:

the search word significance value =

a corresponding predetermined word weight X

the database occurrence value,

wherein the corresponding predetermined word weight is log (a total number of sentences/ a number of occurrences of the word candidate in an entire portion of a predetermined text database).

Claims 63 through 66 were previously cancelled.